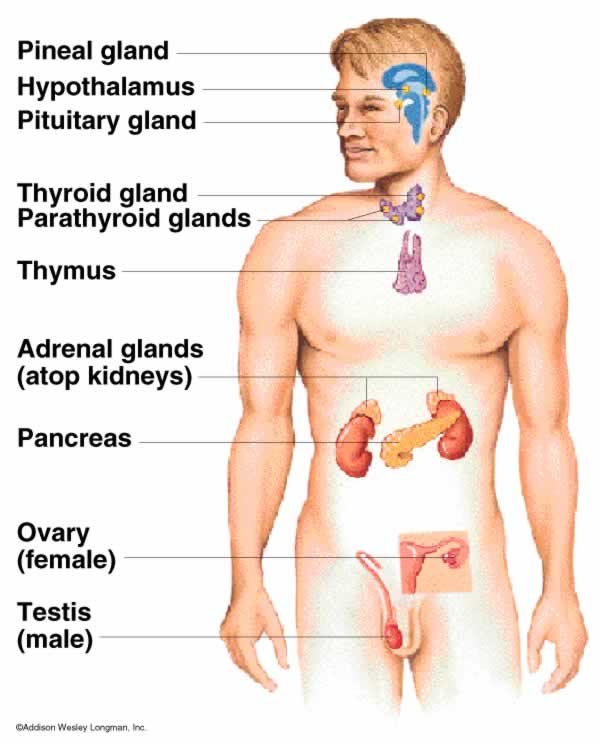
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**Unit 9 Notes, Part 3: The Endocrine System**

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***What is the overall function of the endocrine system?***

* Sending signals (via hormones) through the bloodstream to induce a response in target organs, tissues, and cells
* Hormone molecules = chemical messenger molecules
* Effects of hormone molecules include:

1. Successful growth and development
2. Successful reproduction
3. Regulation of metabolism
4. Proper responses to environmental changes (ex: temperature, dehydration)

***What are glands and how are they related to the endocrine system?***

* Glands are tissues that secrete substances into a particular location in the body

1. Exocrine glands (not part of the endocrine system): secrete products into ducts which open into cavities in organs (ex: sweat and oil glands, digestive glands)
2. Endocrine glands secrete hormones into the bloodstream. Endocrine glands include the hypothalamus (in brain), pituitary (in brain), thyroid (in neck), adrenal (on top of kidney), \
3. Organs that can secrete hormones but are not considered glands include the pancreas, ovaries, testes, kidney, stomach, small intestine

***What are the types of hormone molecules?***

***Questions:***

1. Why would being non-polar allow steroid hormones to move through the cell membrane?

2. What type of receptors would steroid hormones bind to (options = plasma membrane receptors or intracellular receptors)?

3. Why would being polar prevent amine/protein hormones from moving through the cell membrane?

4. What type of receptors would amine/protein hormones bind to (options = plasma membrane receptors or intracellular receptors)?

* Steroids (ex: testosterone and estrogen): have a similar structure to a cholesterol molecule ; they are fat-soluble (aka non-polar) so they CAN pass through the cell membrane
* Amines (ex: epinephrine): modified from the amino acid tyrosine ; they are water-soluble (aka polar) so they CANNOT pass through the cell membrane
* Full Proteins or Single Polypeptides (ex: oxytocin… used to induce labor): vary in size ; they are water soluble so they CANNOT pass through the cell membrane

*Note: Non-steroid (water soluble) hormones cannot enter the cell so they have to bind to receptors on the plasma membrane, which activate chemical signals called second messengers (ex: cyclic AMP) to produce a particular cell response. This is a signal transduction pathway, which consists of three parts: reception, transduction, and response!*

***Endocrine System Image Analysis***

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| **Image** | **Questions** |
|  | 1. Describe what is occurring in each of the six steps shown in the image to the left.  2. What type of hormone is being used? How do you know? |
| uteruspositivefeedback.bmpsignaltransductpath88signaltransductpath88 | 3. Describe how this image is different from the previous image.  4. What type of hormone is being used? How do you know? |
|  | 5. Is the hormone oxytocin (involved in human labor) part of a negative or positive feedback loop? How do you know? |
| bloodcalciumregulationfeedback.bmp | 6. Are the hormones calcitonin and parathyroid hormone part of a negative or positive feedback loop? How do you know?  7. Where does calcitonin store the excess calcium moved from the blood? In other words, what tissue in your body is primarily made of calcium? |